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1. IN MEETING MAY 13 WE HAD OPPORTUNITY GO INTO FURTHER DETAIL WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY AL- ASNAG ON YEMEN AIRLINES (YAL), ALIA, AND SAUDIA.
2. ASNAG, WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN YARG FOR COMPLETE REFORM OF YEMEN AIRLINES FOLLOWING DISMISSAL OF PREVIOUS BA' ATHI- ORIENTED BOARD, SAID THAT ON MAY 12 HE HAD PERSONALLY SAT OVER YAL BUSINESS MANAGER WHILE LATTER SENT FOLLOW- UP TELEX TO ALPJ MANAGEMENT REITERATING YAL DESIRE ENTER INTO LEASING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPER CARAVELLE NOW, BOEING 727 LATER. MESSAGE HAD INVITED ALIA SEND BUSINESS TEAM AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.
3. WE ASKED HOW THIS DOVETAILED WITH REQUEST TO SAUDIA TO WETLEASE AIRCRAFT FROM IT (REFTEL). ASNAG SAID
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THAT, IN FACT, LATTER SUGGESTION HAD ONLY BEEN A BIT OF POLITICAL STRATEGY. HE PERFECTLY AWARE SAUDIA HAS NO EXCESS JET CAPACITY BUT SAUDI AMBASSADOR SUDAIRY CLAIMS IT DOES. AMBASSADOR LIKELY TO GET ANNOYED, AND HIS ANNOYANCE COULD OBSTRUCT NEGOTIATIONS ON LONG TERM PARTNERSHIP OF SAUDIA AND YAL, IF YEMEN TURNS TO ALIA FOR SHORT TERM WETLEASING ARRANGEMENTS WITHOUT SUDAIRY'S LEARNING THE FACTS FROM HIS OWN AIRLINE. IN SHORT, REQUEST PUT TO SAUDIA WAS DESIGNED ELICIT A NEGATIVE REPLY.

4. ASNAG SAID HE INFORMED BY SAUDI AMBASSADOR THAT SAUDIA MANAGEMENT TEAM EXPECTED HERE SHORTLY TO REVIEW ALL ASPECTS OF LONG TERM PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENT WITH YAL. YARG WOULD PREFER DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH TWA BUT IF IT HAS TO SWALLOW PARTNERSHIP WITH SAUDIA TO OBTAIN SAUDI SUBSIDIZATION IT WILL DO SO.

5. WE REMARKED THAT YARG MAY FIND THAT TWO SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT EXIST IN SAUDI ARABIA AS REGARDS ASSOCIATION WITH YAL. AMBASSADOR SUDAIRY'S LATE APRIL LETTER STATING SAG'S WILLINGNESS HELP YAL GENEROUSLY AND IN ANY FORM DESIRED (PARA 5 SANAA 769) DOES NOT, WE THINK, REFLECT VIEWS OF SAUDIA MANAGEMENT AND ITS TWA ADVISORS. MANAGEMENT, WE UNDERSTAND, INCLINES TO VIEW THAT SAUDIA HAS ENOUGH ON ITS PLATE GETTING ON WITH ITS OWN CONSOLIDATION AND EXPANSION WITHOUT TAKING ON A CRIPPLE AS A PARTNER AND OVER- EXTENDING ITS RESOURCES. WE CAN ASSUME SUDAIRY'S LETTER REFLECTS HIGHER LEVEL POLICY DECISION WITHIN SAG ON ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL GROUNDS. TO TAKE FULLEST ADVANTAGE OF THIS, YARG WOULD, WE COUNSELED, BE WELL ADVISED KEEP SAUDIA AMBASSADOR SUDAIRY FULLY IN THE PICTURE AS NEGOTIATIONS PROGRESS.

6. IN SAME CONVERSATION ASNAG CONFIRMED OUR IMPRESSION THAT THERE NO CURRENT DEAL BETWEEN YAL AND SYRIAN ARAB AIRWAY S. THIS WAS SCRAPPED WHEN PREVIOUS YAL BOARD WAS REMOVED.
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